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"AREAS IN THE FIELD OF SAFEGUARDS WHICH MIGHT WARRANT EXAM-
INATION"

FOR CARLOS MOORE

1. OUR PROBLEM WITH SUBJ DRAFT IS THAT WE UNDERSTOOD
PAPER WOULD DEAL WITH STAGE ONE OF GROUP'S WORK (OPERATION
OF PRESENT SYSTEM) BUT DRAFT IN HAND DEALS WITH STAGE TWO
(FORMATION OF A NEW SAFEGUARD SYSTEM). WE HAVE NO OBJEC-
TION TO CONSIDERATION OF PRESENT PAPER BY THE GROUP AS A
GUIDE TO LATER STAGE TWO DISCUSSIONS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE
THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE ANALYTIC FRAMEWORK TO GUIDE
DISCUSSION ON OPERATION OF PRESENT SYSTEM AS CALLED FOR IN
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MTN/3D1,(A)-(F) AND ENDORSED IN PARA. 17 OF REPORT TO

TNC(MTN/13).

2. ON THIS ASSUMPTION, OUR COMMENTS ON SUBJECT PAPER ARE:
(A) QUESTIONS MIGHT BETTER BE PHRASED TO DRAW OUT DISCUSSION ACROSS SPECTRUM OF POSSIBILITIES RATHER THAN TO ELICIT CATEGORICAL YES OR NO ANSWERS.

(B) SUGGEST ADDITION OF TWO TOPICS TO SUBJECT DRAFT DEALING WITH FORMATION OF NEW SAFEGUARD SYSTEM:

(I) WHAT SHOULD BE THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE SAFEGUARD SYSTEM TO NON PARTICIPANTS?

(II) WHAT SHOULD BE THE DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL

CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH TARIFFS, QUOTAS, OR OTHER MEASURES CONSTITUTE THE MOST APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARD ACTION?

(C) ONE POINT 3(B) IN SECRETARIAT DRAFT UNDER CONSIDERATION DEALS WITH OPERATION OF PRESENT SYSTEM. WE SUGGEST THAT IT BE DELETED FROM THIS DRAFT AND PLACED IN ANALYTIC FRAMEWORK PAPER DEALING WITH OPERATION OF PRESENT SYSTEM.

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